

REMARKS

In response to the office action mailed May 10, 2005, Applicant respectfully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-11; amends claim 12 and adds new claims 13 and 14.

One of the features of the invention is that it provides a wall mounted device for controlling a remote or ceiling mounted fluorescent light fixture. The invention of claim 12 has two boards and a switch on one of the boards that operates the device to dim the fluorescent bulbs. The switch responds to applied mechanical forces to translate or turn that thereby turn the fluorescent lamps on, off and dim.

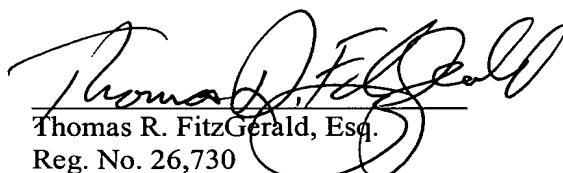
The invention of claim 12 is not shown or suggested in Lansing et al. (US 6,037,721). That patent does not show or suggest a switch mounted on one of the boards that respond to an input mechanical force. Instead Lansing places its controls in the light fixture and operates the controls via a remote electrical transmitter. Rather than the proximate, directly mounted switch that responds to a mechanical input force, the Lansing device requires an electromagnetic radiation receiver and transmitter, and has no dimming switch mounted on the dimming or ballast board.

Claims 13 and 14 are more detailed claims directed to the wall mounted fluorescent dimming switch disclosed in the application. Many of the limitations appearing in those claims have already been allowed in one or more of claims 1-11. As such, those claims are patentable over the art of record.

Applicant believes this application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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